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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires a patient's informed consent before administering a medical intervention.

Proposed law provides that proposed law shall be known and may be cited as the "Medical Freedom and Informed Consent Act."

Proposed law provides that the purpose of proposed law is to affirm the right that individuals have to voluntary, informed consent for all medical interventions and establish protections against coercion, discrimination, and violation of this right.

Proposed law defines "business entity", "capacity", "healthcare provider", "informed consent", "medical intervention", and "vaccine information statement".

Proposed law requires a healthcare provider to obtain informed consent from the patient or a person authorized to give informed consent in accordance with present law (R.S. 40:1159.4) before administering any medical intervention, except in cases of medical emergency where immediate action is necessary to prevent serious harm or loss of life as defined in present law (R.S. 40:1159.5).

Proposed law requires a healthcare provider, before administering a vaccination, to provide the patient or parent or legal guardian of the patient with the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS).

Proposed law requires a healthcare provider to document receipt and acknowledgment of the VIS and informed consent in the patient's medical record.

Proposed law provides that a person shall not face loss of employment, benefits, services, or other punitive actions for refusing a medical intervention.

Proposed law prohibits an employers and business entities, whether public or private, from requiring medical interventions as a condition of employment, enrollment, admission, or service.

Proposed law prohibits a healthcare provider from requiring, compelling or coercing a person to receive a vaccination as a condition to be a patient or to receive a medical intervention, treatment or medical procedure, including but not limited to cancer treatment, transfusion or organ transplant.

Proposed law clarifies that a healthcare provider, who advises or recommends a healthcare service, shall not be considered to have coerced or compelled an individual into obtaining the service based solely on that advice or recommendation.

Proposed law provides that a healthcare provider who violates the provisions of proposed law shall be liable for statutory damages of not less than \$5,000 per violation, in addition to any other remedies available under law.

Proposed law provides that the prevailing party in an action brought for any violation of the provisions of proposed law shall have the right to seek civil remedies, including damages, attorney fees and injunctive relief.

Proposed law requires the attorney general to establish a reporting system to document and investigate violations.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 40:1162.1-1162.6)